

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present: Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Jeremy Gragert, Charles Johnson, Roderick Jones, Larry Mboga, Joshua Miller, Terry Weld and Andrew Werthmann. Council Members Emily Anderson and Kate Felton were absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, March 14, 2023:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the February 28, 2023 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a permanent expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverages licensed premise of Layla Belle LLC, d/b/a The Red Mixer, 2526 Golf Road, to include 2530 Golf Road.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage License to St. Olaf Parish, Pastor, Rev. James Kurzynski, 3220 Monroe Street, on May 21, 2023, for the St. Olaf Fun Fest event.
- Authorizing the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire to conduct the Crossing the Bridge – NCUR Event on Friday, April 14, 2023 in Haymarket Plaza.
- Authorizing Longfellow Elementary School to conduct the Jeanne Richie Memorial Puddle Jump on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Phoenix Park, along City streets, trails, and sidewalks.
- Authorizing Keprios Investments, LLC to conduct the Here We Grow Again Sale Event at the Hobbs Ice Arena on April 28-30, 2023 and September 15-17, 2023.
- Accepting an anonymous donation of LifeVac choking rescue devices.
- Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for Department of Homeland Security grant monies through its Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program for the full funding of six new firefighter positions for three years

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Jones “to adopt the consent resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Felton joined the meeting.

BUSINESS AGENDA

The City Council considered a resolution approving appointments and reappointment to various Boards, Commissions and Committees. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Felton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed

by unanimous vote.

Council Member Anderson joined the meeting.

The City Council considered a resolution appropriating ARPA funds for bus passes for residents who are unhoused. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Then Council Member Christopherson made a motion to postpone this item until the April 11, 2023 meeting, however, Christopherson withdrew her motion. Said motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: Council Members Anderson, Felton, Gragert, Mboga, Werthmann

Nay: Council Members Berge, Christopherson, Johnson, Jones, Miller, and Weld.

The City Council considered a resolution ordering the repair and installation of city-wide sidewalk and curb and gutter according to Section 66.0907, Wisconsin Statutes, at 27 locations beginning with 252 Erin Street, Parcel No. 01-0214. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with Costco Wholesale Corporation for street and utility improvements. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution approving a memorandum of understanding between the City of Eau Claire and the Toyce Baseball Club, LLC, d/b/a Eau Claire Express, for installation, operation, and maintenance of a digital scoreboard at Carson Park. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Jones “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2023-15, Half Moon Lake Boardwalk. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Felton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2023-14, Half Moon Lake Trail. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCES FOR ACTION

The Council considered an ordinance to amend Chapter 2.04 entitled “City Government” and specifically to create section 2.04.055 entitled “Committee Remote Attendance” of the City Code of Ordinances. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to move the substitute ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered an ordinance to rezone property from I-1P to C-3P located at 1495 W Hamilton Avenue for storage facility (Z-1721-23). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Mboga and seconded by Council Member Johnson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed the following vote:

Aye: Council Members Berge, Christopherson, Felton, Gragert, Johnson, Jones, Mboga, Miller, and Weld.

Nay: Council Members Werthmann and Anderson.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance creating Section 3.40.020 entitled “Adoption of a Local Vehicle Registration Fee” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire.

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance to amend the general development plan for a property that is zoned R-3P to allow for twin homes with modified setbacks (Z-1682-21 Amd).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located at Lowes Creek Road, Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 23-1A (Stewart/Hauge/CDPG Developers Annexation).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance amending Chapter 6.08 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire, entitled “Animal Control” and specifically Section 6.08.020 entitled “Number per Family”.

CLOSED SESSION

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Jones “to go into closed session.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote. The City Council went into closed session to conduct the annual performance evaluation process of the City Manager, an employee over whom the City Council exercises responsibility, which is permitted in closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes. On a motion made by Council Member Weld and seconded by Council Member Berge, the council ended its closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Time: 8:29 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Nicholas L. Koerner
City Clerk